THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) A team of experts constituted by National Human Rights Commission has submitted a report on 'Trafficking in Women and Children in India'. The details of missing women registered in the six metropolitan cities and the percentage of women recovered during the period from 1999 to 2001 as brought out in the report is given in the statement (*See below*). In addition to the various provisions under the Indian Penal Code and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 there are a number of special laws such as the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986, The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, etc. for the protection of women in India. Since, Law and Order is a State subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, it is for the State Governments/Union Territories Administration to implement the above Acts and details regarding the status of the prosecution/conviction under the various Acts is not centrally maintained.

Statement

Details of reported missing and recovered women

Cities	1999		2000		2001	
	Reported missing	% of those recovered	Reported missing	% of those recovered	Reported missing	% of those recovered
Delhi	2,141	19%	2,114	40%	2,116	42%
Mumbai	2,808	82%	2,803	83%	2,904	82%
Hyderabad	265	80%	289	82%	279	74%
Kolkata	2,028	24%	1,284	16%	1,037	26%
Bangalore	784	89%	815	85%	879	87%
Chennai	456	98%	413	98%	426	95%

Lottery scam

857. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to CAG, the lottery scam involving fictitious prize-winners, selling of excess tickets, under-reporting of its business is running into some thousand crores;

(b) whether most of the unregulated business is running in North-Eastern States;

(c) whether the business, supposed to be State-run has been handed over to private players;

(d) if so, whether Government have enquired into this; and

(e) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India had conducted an audit of the State Lotteries in five States of the North East viz. Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur and Meghalaya. No scam has been pointed in any audit report so far but reviews in the Audit Report 1997-98 of Nagaland, Audit Report 1998-99 of Meghalaya and Audit Reports 1999-2000 for Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur have observed that agreements entered into with State Sole Distributors suffered from inconsistencies, as a result of which the State Governments had received only minimal amount as revenue out of the turnover of several thousand crore in the lottery business.

(c) to (e) Under Section 4(c) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998, a State Government organizing a lottery may sell the tickets either itself or through distributors or selling agents. As per available information, some State Governments have appointed sole selling agents/marketing agents.

Suicide Cases

858. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every day 297 Indian citizens commit suicide;

(b) what are the reasons for committing suicides and increase in rate of suicide; and

(c) the suicide committed by Indian citizens in last three years, year-wise and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Information available with the National Crime Records Bureau indicate that an average of 297,303 and 304 Indian citizens committed suicide every day during 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.